



THE LORD  
*is my portion,*  
SAYS MY  
SOUL,  
*Therefore*  
I HOPE IN HIM!

LAMENTATIONS  
3:24

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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**Speak, O Lord**

### **Welcome to Trinity!**

We're glad you're here to worship!

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(CWS 735)

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built  
And you fill the earth with your glory.

**Please rise**

## **Confession**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.**

**Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray

**Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen**

**Please be seated**

## **Old Testament Lesson**

*What does God's voice sound like? It can be terrifying. That's why the Israelites begged Moses to speak to God for them. It can also be comforting beyond all measure—the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us back to safety when we wander and get lost. God's voice is the voice of final and irrevocable judgment. And his is the voice that will save your life.*

*There is no other voice like God's. That's what makes it even more amazing when God speaks through people like us. Moses spoke with God's voice, so did the prophets. Imagine what it would have been like to hear God's voice through Moses or Elijah.*

*Now imagine what it would have been like to hear the voice of Jesus Christ himself. God came to earth and spoke words of peace and life. No wonder God said, "Listen to him!"*

### **Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (EHV)**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup>That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.”

<sup>17</sup>Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup>Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

#### ***Epistle Lesson***

*Most people vastly underestimate the glory and the power of Christ. Even Christians are tempted to look somewhere else for help and guidance. God tells us to focus our attention on Jesus. He is the only one who has ever been perfectly faithful. He is the one who builds the church. He is the one who opened the way. He is the one who redeems us, washes away our sin, and makes us part of God’s house. He watches over God’s house and keeps us safe until the end of time. Keep your attention focused on Jesus; he is our help and our salvation.*

### **Hebrews 3:1-6 (EHV)**

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God’s whole house. <sup>3</sup>In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

<sup>5</sup>Moses was faithful as a servant within God’s whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup>But Christ is faithful as a Son over God’s house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(Hymn 353)

1 Praise the one who breaks the  
darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the  
children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the one who makes us one.

### ***Gospel Lesson/Sermon Text:***

*When problems grow huge and unsolvable, what do you do? Where do you go?*

*In church, the expected answer is "Jesus." The remarkable thing is that "Jesus" is not only the correct answer; it is the only correct answer.*

*Jesus has the ultimate authority and power over everyone and everything. Even demons fear him. Jesus came to free people from the influence and domination of the devil. Our Gospel lesson puts Jesus' power on display. First, his teaching was with authority. Next, when a demon challenged him, Jesus silenced the spirit and cast him out, freeing the man who had been possessed. Everyone was amazed.*

*Jesus is still amazing. His word still has authority. He still frees people from the domination of the devil. Jesus is our freedom and our hope. No one else can do what Jesus does. Nothing else will suffice.*

### **Mark 1:21-28 (EHV)**

<sup>21</sup> Then they went into Capernaum.

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as

one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”

<sup>26</sup> The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

### Prayers for Our family and Friends

**The Beaumont Family, Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, John Peters, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Aaron Wood and Jesse Zach**

### Prayers for those called to protect

**Military: Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston’s son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker’s husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew).

**Firefighter: Steve Campbell.**

**Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

### ***The Lord’s Prayer:***

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(spoken) Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving Prayer:**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

## **The Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: *Amen*

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

(Hymn 201 vv. 1,3)

1 A mighty fortress is our  
God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

3 Though devils all the world  
should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

## Mid-week Lenten Services Wednesday at 3:15pm & 6:00pm

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

February 24<sup>th</sup>

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup>

March 24<sup>th</sup>

### *"The Hands of the Passion"*

*Whether they were lifted to bless God's chosen people or to stone God's chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. The Hands of the Passion explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross.*

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### TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

**Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.**

**John 8:12** - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Matthew 5:16** - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*

### Join us for our Worship Services

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

Monday at 6:00 pm

\* Communion Worship is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last weekend of every month

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